



October 15, 2009

Chairman Julius Genachowski,
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker,
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn,
Commissioner Michael J. Copps, and
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Broadband industry Practices (WC Docket No 07-52)

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Before you lay a challenging, controversial issue, and it is one that I hope you weigh carefully and thoughtfully the impact your actions may have on consumers and a strong business climate.

In Oregon, our own Public Utility Commission and my administration have carefully considered the pros and cons of net neutrality. In a very real sense, I see the issue as a rush to regulate an area that simply does not need burdensome restrictions placed upon it. In fact, I have serious concerns that such proactive regulation when no widespread problems readily exist could cause more harm than good.

The Internet and wireless industries have flourished in recent years due in large part to the significant investments in infrastructure. Such network expansion could be put at risk by an overreaching federal government aiming to address a problem that simply doesn't pose any significant risk or harm to the average consumer.

Your organization and the Administration's larger goal of bringing broadband access to all Americans is a noble one, but I remain gravely concerned that your chosen course of action to achieve that goal could threaten a very vibrant, very pro-consumer industry at a time when our country is already struggling mightily.

Sincerely,